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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN TRADING CORPORATION

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1. THE YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN TRADING CORPORATION IS NEGOTIATING SALE OF 150,000 TONS OF US GRAIN TO GOS. THIS CORPORATION IS MANAGED BY ROBERT B. ANDERSON, FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY, WHO IS ALSO ITS MAJOR STOCKHOLDER. THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE ONLY ABOUT TWO YEARS AND ISSUES NO PUBLIC REPORTS. IT IS NOT WELL-KNOWN IN US OR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CIRCLES. THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF SUDAN HAS REQUESTED ASSURANCE OF RELIABILITY OF CORPORATION BEFORE ISSUING LETTER OF CREDIT TO MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST CO. FOR GRAIN TRANSACTION.

2. MR. ANDERSON HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO ASK YOU TO CONFIRM TO GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK THE INFORMATION ABOVE ABOUT MANAGEMENT AND OWNERSHIP OF YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN TRADING CORPORATION; AND TO REFER HIM TO MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK IF FURTHER REFERENCES NEEDED. RUSH

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